



## Special Edition Elementary Tech News 11/11/2011 Thank you, Veterans!

These two pieces of information just cannot wait for the December edition of the Tech News. Enjoy!

### **SMART Board Channel**

Anna Benvenuti reminded me that there is a SMART Board Channel on YouTube. A little investigation showed that there are actually several channels on YouTube devoted to the use of SMART Boards. The most popular by far is SMART Classrooms. Check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/user/SMARTClassrooms?ob=5>.

She also shared a video about the new two-touch 800 series boards that have been installed some elementary classrooms. The video not only demonstrates the new boards, but also creative ways to get students up and using any SMART Board.

### **Second Annual Global Education Conference**

The second annual Global Education Conference is a collaborative, world-wide community initiative involving students, educators, and organizations at all levels. This conference features sessions and keynote addresses to inspire global connections, projects, ideas, and action in an increasingly connected world. The conference will be streamed live online November 14-18, 2011 (the actual session links will get posted this weekend Nov. 12 & 13). The entire conference will be held online for free using the Blackboard Collaborate platform (formerly known as Elluminate/Wimba). The session descriptions, forum discussions, and session calendars are available at <http://www.globaleducationconference.com>. Sessions are held in multiple time zones and multiple languages over the five days.



Keynote addresses this year will be given by noted thought leaders [Alan November](#), [Chris Dede](#), [Howard Gardner](#), [Fernando Reimers](#), [Esther Wojcicki](#), and many more. Conference sponsors include Brainpop and iEARN-USA. Partner organizations are numerous as well and many will be presenting their work throughout the conference.

The conference is designed to significantly increase opportunities for building education-related connections around the globe while supporting cultural awareness and recognition of diversity. The conference seeks to present ideas, examples, and projects related to connecting educators and classrooms with a strong emphasis on promoting global

awareness, fostering global competency, and inspiring action towards solving real-world problems.

For further information, join their ning network at <http://globaleducationconference.com> and follow them on Twitter ([@GlobalEdCon](https://twitter.com/GlobalEdCon)). Conference related tweets will be aggregated using the hashtag [#GlobalEd11](https://twitter.com/GlobalEd11).